THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has created an institutional mechanism for periodical review of the performance and status of Navratna Public Sector Enterprises. An Apex Committee has been constituted for this purpose for which instructions have been issued on 15.3.2002. The format for reviewing the performance of Navratna PSEs has since been drawn up. All the administrative Ministries/Departments have been asked to advise the Navratna PSEs under their administrative control to complete the format and forward it to the Department of Public Enterprises through the administrative Ministry/Department.

Regional langauge news in Oriya on DD-1

1272. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regional language news in Oriya on DD-1 is being telecast only once everyday against three to five times in other regional languages; and

(b) whether Government propose to telecast as least three times news in Oriya regional language on DD-1?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROACASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that from 20th July, 2002, there are two bulletins in Oriya, from Regional News Unit, Bhubaneswar—a 10 minute long morning bulletin from 8.00 a.m. to 8.10 a.m—Monday to Saturday and from 8.30 a.m. to 8.40 a.m. on Sunday, in addition to the existing evening news bulletin telecast daily between 7.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

Two headling bulletins have also been introduced in Oriya, at 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. with effect from 15th July, 2002.

Non-payment of wages to workers in CPC

1273. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that casual staff working in Central production Centre, particularly Floor Assistants, have not been paid their wages/ remuneration since April, 2002;